

HOUSE No. 2028

By Mr. Knuuttila of Gardner, petition of Brian Knuuttila and others that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue distinctive license plates for the establishment of a fund for the future of nursing. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Brian Knuuttila	Stephen M. Brewer
Massachusetts Nurses	Edward G. Connolly
Association,	Christine E. Canavan
by Charles Stefanini	Patricia A. Haddad
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF "RN" DISTINCTIVE REGISTRATION PLATES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2XX, inserted by section 42 of
3 chapter 127 of the acts of 1999, the following section:—
4 Section 2YY. There is hereby established and set up on the
5 books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the
6 "For Future of Nursing" Fund. There shall be credited to said fund
7 all revenues collected from the sale of "RN" distinctive registra-
8 tion plates issued pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2E of
9 chapter 90, together with any penalties, forfeitures, interest, costs
10 of suits and fines collected in connection therewith, less all
11 amounts refunded or abated in connection therewith, all as deter-
12 mined by the commissioner of revenue according to his best infor-
13 mation and belief, any appropriation, grant, gift or other
14 contribution explicitly made to said fund; and any income derived

15 from the investment of amounts credited to said fund. Amounts
16 credited to said fund shall be available for expenditure by the
17 Massachusetts Nurses Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of
18 recruiting and retaining a core of registered nurses through schol-
19 arships and grants to students of registered nursing programs and
20 to registered nurses seeking academic advancement. Selection cri-
21 teria shall be established by the Massachusetts Nurses Foundation,
22 Inc. and shall include the consideration of cultural diversity
23 among fund recipients. The registrar of motor vehicles shall pro-
24 vide an annual accounting of the amounts credited to said fund to
25 the House and Senate committees on ways and means and to the
26 Massachusetts Nurses Foundation, Inc. There shall be an annual
27 accounting of the expenditures made by the fund prepared by an
28 independent financial firm and filed with the house and senate
29 committees on ways and means and the Massachusetts Nurses
30 Foundation, Inc., not later than December 31 of each applicable
31 tax year.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following subsection:—

4 (c) The registrar shall furnish, upon application, to owners of
5 private passenger motor vehicles who are duly licensed as a regis-
6 tered nurse under the provisions of chapter 112, section 80B, dis-
7 tinctive registration plates which shall display on the face of said
8 plate the abbreviation “RN”. There shall be a fee imposed by the
9 registrar of not less than \$25 for such plates in addition to the
10 established registration fee for private passenger motor vehicles,
11 such fee being payable at the time of registration of such vehicle
12 and at each renewal thereof. The portion of the total fee remaining
13 after the deduction of costs directly attributable to the issuance of
14 such plates shall be deposited within 90 days of receipt thereof in
15 the For the Future of Nursing Fund established by section 2YY of
16 chapter 29. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
17 special law to the contrary, the registrar of motor vehicles shall
18 make available the distinctive registration plates provided for in
19 this act not later than June first, two thousand and five.